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Beth Cofone at 732-524-1154**Re: J&J-2087****Please see amendment and transmittal sheet attached regarding our docket
J&J-2087.****Regards,***William McGowan***William E. McGowan**

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In re application of Rao et al.

Case Docket No.: J&J-2087

Serial No. 10/052,316

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: STABILIZATION OF RETINOID COMPOUNDS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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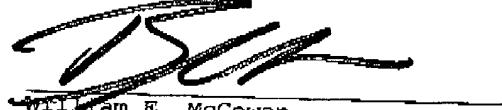
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.